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Wolsely & Donegal

From the beginning of our engagement in this neighbourhood, the intersection of Wolsely St. and Donegal St. has consistently been an area of focus for residents. This intersection is a key crossing for children at Highland Heights P.S., and parents, children, and crossing guards have all noted the dangerous conditions at this crossing. Residents have even shared anecdotes of collisions and near-misses.

Traffic speeds are not posted on Wolsely St. or Donegal St., meaning that they are the 50km/h city-wide default. Wolsely St., in particular, is a popular route for fast cut-through traffic. We have heard that Wolsely St. creates a social divide in the neighbourhood: kids that live south of Wolsely St. are often not allowed to cross independently to play with friends north of Wolsely St., and vice-versa. Residents feel that simple traffic calming or control measures on Wolsely St. at Donegal St. could have a large impact on safety at this crossing, and on the social connectedness of the neighbourhood. Residents also have ambitions to explore cycling infrastructure options on Wolsely St., enhancements to transit stops on Wolsely St. and Donegal St., and the completion of the sidewalk network.

VISIONARY RENDERING



"As development in this area increases, traffic flow at this intersection is increasing."

"Parents and kids don't feel safe"

"[People use Wolsely as] a shortcut to around Parkhill to avoid Fairbairn and Parkhill and George/ Water and Parkhill"

RESIDENT QUOTES

"Wolsely Street is very hard to cross. There are no bike lanes, the crosswalks are horrible, and the speed is too high on Wolsely"

The Jackson Park Brookdale neighbourhood currently does not have any dedicated on-road bike infrastructure. Other than the proposed cycling infrastructure in the Chemong Rd. widening project, there are no plans to implement cycling infrastructure in this neighbourhood within the City's Proposed Ultimate Cycling Network. Residents would like to see additional cycling routes in their neighbourhood. See the "Connecting Vision to Policy" section of this document for more information about the proposed cycling network, which is part of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.



DESIGN CONCEPTS

Beautify with street trees

This corridor could use some additional street trees for shade, beautification, and storm water management. Residents have also noted that the steep grade of Donegal St. can cause flooding at the bottom of the hill, so green infrastructure, like rain gardens, could help mitigate flooding risk.



Greening



Placemaking

Enhance the crossings

Residents would like to see enhancements to the crossings. This could include uniquely painted crosswalks, wide accessible curb cuts, or even a raised intersection with a speed table.



Accessibility



Connectivity



Placemaking



Safe Neighbourhood



Child & Age Friendly

Create a four-way stop

Implementing a four-way stop could be a simple and quick solution to residents' safety concerns at this crossing.



Accessibility



Safe Neighbourhood

Add cycling infrastructure on Wolsely

Residents would like to see Wolsely St. become a safer corridor for cycling. People are open to exploring options for different types of infrastructure on Wolsely St., but residents are keen to see this street added to the Proposed Cycling Network Implementation Plan.



Connectivity











Safe Neighbourhood



Donegal St

Wolsely St

LEGEND

	Existing Buildings Residential & Commercial		Proposed Sidewalks
	Existing Sidewalks		Proposed On-Road Bike lane
	Existing Curb Line		Proposed Curb Cut/Concrete Pad
	Stop Sign		Street Tree